

Bruce Catton Says:

Hopkins' Hope: New Deal in His Department

WASHINGTON.—Harry Hopkins' most immediate concern right now is to revive and restore the Department of Commerce. During the last few years the department has slipped badly. Herbert Hoover made it one of the most prominent and aggressive of all the federal departments; during the Roosevelt administration it has gone steadily downhill, reaching its nadir this spring when the second reorganization order stripped it of two more of its bureaus.

It is no secret that morale has been extremely bad in the department. Hopkins' predecessor, Dan Roper, was a skillful politician and a kindly man to work for, but he put no driving force into the task of running the department. He knew few business men; the business community seldom bothered to cultivate him, feeling that he had no particular entree at the White House and could do little for business even if he would.

The department went along in its routine way. It collected and published a large quantity of business statistics—but the results of its researches were to a large extent dropped into the void. Nobody in particular bothered to show business how to use them or what the department could do for business.

Illness Intervened

As a result, the feeling grew that the department was slipping. When Hopkins took over the secretary's office, big things were expected; yet he had hardly got his desk chair warm when illness struck him down, and he was away from his office for 10 weeks.

And so the department which Hoover tried to make one of the most valuable and energetic in the entire government went on drifting.

The department was going downhill was stimulated by the transfer away from it of some of its old activities. The Maritime Commission, formerly a part of the department, became a separate agency; the Bureau of Air Commerce was taken away and merged in the entire government.

This short, timely, state-wide meeting will deal with the more practical phases of landscaping. There will be no long talks. Lectures will be demonstrated with actual models, shrubs, houses, lawns, walks, etc. The visitors will have an opportunity to ask questions relative to their individual needs.

The grounds of the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station make a perfect setting for a meeting of this nature, and all interested persons are invited to be present.

The program, beginning at 2 o'clock, follows:

Demonstrations and Lectures:

1. Community Landscaping—Mrs. Earl Perkins, Secretary-Treasurer, State Council of Home Demonstration Clubs.

2. Plant Arrangement—J. R. Cooper, Head, Department of Horticulture and Forestry, University of Arkansas College of Agriculture.

3. Care of Plants (Pruning, fertilizing, cultivating, and spraying)—Earl J. Allen, Extension Horticulturist, University of Arkansas College of Agriculture.

4. Shade Trees—F. J. Shuly, Extension Forester, University of Arkansas College of Agriculture.

5. Contest—"Ask It—Basket"—on landscaping.—To draw names for contestants.

Tour Over Station Grounds: Tour will include demonstrations and inspection of formal garden, fish pool, lawns, outdoor living rooms, rose gardens, amphitheater, ornamental nurseries, lawn furniture, propagation grounds and many other special features.

Electric Light Rate Reduction

Arkansas Power & Light Co. to Reduce Rates Over State

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Governor Bailey announced Tuesday that he had been advised by Harvey Couch, president of the Arkansas Power and Light company, that the utility would reduce its electric rates throughout the state within the next few days.

Bailey said that Couch called him from New York city to advise him of the company's plans.

"I do not know the details but I am advised it will be a substantial reduction," Bailey said.

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Unemployment, the Problem Overshadowing All.

Nothing, not wars or rumors of wars abroad, not domestic party politics and bickering, nothing is so important to the United States as unemployment.

This is the one central fact on which every thought ought to center today. About 11,000,000 potential wage-earners are unable to find work. As long as this remains true, it is wasted breath to talk in terms of budget-balancing return to normalcy, and all such catchwords.

Yet, there is no reason whatever to yield to despair. This is a problem that will be faced and met by some planned means or by some natural processes of development not yet evident. But it must and will be met.

Many people fail to recognize the essence of the problem. The unemployed today represent almost exactly the increase in the working population since 1929. There are employed today in non-agricultural industries 33,000,000 workers. In 1929, at the very peak of prosperity, employment was only 35,300,000. In other words, a return to "prosperity" of 1929 would scarcely make a dent in today's unemployment.

Employment today is 6,750,000 above the low of March, 1933, and even 26,000 above March, 1938. Increases like that only tend to get back to levels which must be exceeded if we are to have real prosperity. Nevertheless, they do show progress.

Today there is work for almost 7,000,000 more than there was in 1933. But the working population has increased much faster. To have a 1929 level of prosperity, we would have to employ today not 35,300,000 workers as then, but perhaps 45,000,000.

This problem is common to all the world. Pointing to Germany and Italy and saying "No unemployment there," is no answer. Picture the result if the United States suddenly clapped 2,000,000 men into standing army, stepped up industry and agriculture to feed and equip these men, themselves suddenly withdrawn from production. Two million would be about in proportion to the 1,000,000 Germany has constantly under arms. Three out of four men thus enrolled would leave a vacant job behind, to be filled by others. All industry, all agriculture would feel the stimulus. Such a move might well "solve" unemployment for us, as for much of Europe.

But such a "solution" is no solution. We do not want it.

Brains, research, imagination, daring, vision, the broadest kind of patriotism and devotion, good-will, determination, and faith that together we can work out our problem—those are the things necessary to the solution.

Those things America still has. Nothing must hamper full play for these qualities, in which alone lies our salvation.

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4	13 Maritime.	USED MONK SHRUG	20	25 Monastery room.
5	One who delivers goods in trust;	ROTT COSY SHOOTER	21	26 Company (abbr.).
6	To discern.	ENGORE TEAR MIT	22	28 Armadillo.
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Face the Sun

Don't hunt for trouble, but look for success; You'll find what you look for—don't look for distress. If you see but your shadow, remember I pity That the sun is still shining, but you're in the way.

Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk;

Don't think of your worries, but think of your work. The worries will vanish, the work will be done,

No man sees his shadow, who faces the sun.

—From Major Bowes "Verses I like."

Mr. and Mrs. Luke E. Barber of Little Rock were week-end guests of Mrs. Barber's mother, Mrs. Claudia Price.

Mrs. Evelyn Yenger had as recent guests Mrs. Lorn Jones and children, Burgher and Linda of Conway and Chester Yeager of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dr. P. B. Garrigan and Miss Ellen Garrigan were Monday visitors in Shreveport, visiting with Miss Mary Carrigan, who is recovering from a fractured hip in a Shreveport hospital.

On Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock there will be a special Landscape meeting, with a most informative and interesting program including separate talks by specialists on community landscaping, Care of plants, shade trees, closing with a contest and a tour over the station grounds. Lectures will be demonstrated with actual models, shrubs, houses, lawns and walks and all interested persons are cordially invited to be present at the Experiment Station at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

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News has been received here that Miss Mary Bell Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, in Texarkana, formerly of this city, student at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., will play the first movement of the piano forte concert in D major (Mozart) at a concert in Jordan Hall on May 28.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Strickland have house guests, Mrs. Strickland's sister, Mrs. Seth Hall, Mr. Hall and son John of Pasadena, Calif.

Miss Dorothy Moore is spending the week visiting with her sister, Mrs. Kenny McKee and Mr. McKee in Garland City.

Friends will sympathize with Mrs. W. F. Sauer in the passing of her brother, R. B. Bryant, who passed on at his home in Dallas, Texas Sunday night, May 21.

Dick Moore of Henderson State Teachers College spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Moore.

Miss Eva Jane Rider spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rider en route to the World's Fair, visiting St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other eastern cities before returning.

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There were 10 members present, one new member, Mrs. H. O. Hart and one visitor.

Nice refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. J. M. Perryman, assisted by Mrs. Vernon Pace.

The club prayer was said by the club.

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out the bureau's regular reports so that they can have immediate practical application in the way of helping the business man to increase his market and better his competitive position.

Foreign Trade Switch O. K.

In the field of foreign trade, Hopkins feels that the department is better off now that its foreign service has gone to the State Department. Heretofore the Commerce Department had 33 commercial attaches overseas. Those men had no diplomatic status, often could not "cover" the countries they were assigned to as thoroughly as they wanted to. Now the overseas commercial service will have regular diplomatic status and will have a set-up covering every country.

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The Standings

Hope Softball League

Class A League	W.	L.	Pct.
Club	5	0	1.000
Bruner-Ivory	4	2	.667
Alton Camp	1	5	.167

Class B League	W.	L.	Pct.
Club	3	0	1.000
Bruner-Ivory	2	0	1.000
Unique Cafe	3	1	.750
Goo. W. Robison	3	1	.750
Soil Conservation	1	2	.333
Gunter Bros.	0	4	.000

Mondays Results	W.	L.	Pct.
Geo. Robison vs. Unique Cafe	7	3	
Soil Erosion vs. Bruner-Ivory B.			
Games Wednesday Night			
No games scheduled.			
Games Thursday Night			
Bruner-Ivory A vs. Alton Camp.			
Geo. Robison vs. Prescott.			
Games Friday Night			
Gunter vs. Soil Erosion.			
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Mondays Results	W.	L.	Pct.
Knoxville at Little Rock, rain.			
Memphis 9, Nashville 2.			
Atlanta 7, New Orleans 4.			
Chattanooga at Birmingham, rain.			

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Reds in Seventh Straight Victory

Lefty Grissom Turns in Third Win of Season, Score 6 to 3

CINCINNATI — (AP) — The rampant Reds hit "in the clutches" Monday and won their seventh straight game by a 6 to 3 margin over the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Lefty Lee Grissom blanked the Brooklyns for six innings, but weakened in the ninth and Gene Thompson finished up after the Dodgers had scored two runs in the closing frame. It was Grissom's third win of the season.

Luke Hamlin, who started for the Dodgers, suffered his third straight setback before he gave way to Russ Evans in the eighth.

Although the Reds made only eight hits, just as many as the Dodgers, their blows were far more timely. Two hits, one of them Ernie Lombardi's single, accounted for two runs in the first inning. Lonnie Frey whacked his third homer of the year in the sixth. In the seventh, a walk for Harry Craft was followed by Lee Gamble's two-bagger, which made it easy for Craft to score on the following infield out.

In the eighth, Ivan Goodman singled, Buck McCormick did the same and Lombardi doubled, all in succession, for the final two Red runs.

Dolph Camilli's seventh homer of the year gave the Brooklyns their first run in the seventh inning.

Crackers Win Over Pelicans, 7 to 4

Strengthens Hold On First Place With Easy Victory

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Atlanta's Crackers tightened their hold on first place by defeating the Pelicans in the final game of the series here Monday night 7 to 4.

The Crackers made 10 hits off Syd Cohen including home runs by Mauldin and Oettinger. Miller had one bad inning, the fourth in which the Pels bunched three hits for four runs. Cohen fanned eight against seven strikeouts for Miller. Bolding and Rubeling got three hits each.

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New Orleans 000 400 000—4 6 0

Miller and Richards, Cohen and Redmond.

Memphis 9, Nashville 2

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — The rejuvenated Memphis Chicks lambasted four Nashville pitchers for 14 hits and a 9 to 2 victory here Monday night for a clean sweep of their three game series. It was the Chicks fourth win in a row.

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Memphis 232 100 10x—9 14 2
Jeffcoat, Johnson, Gassaway, Baker and Grace, Doyle and Epps.

If so much space can be found at the New York fair for exhibition of naked bodies, there should have been room to show what is being done to protect dumb animals. —Mrs. Sue M. Farrell, president of Anti-Vivisection League

Has Censor Date as 'Tropic Lady'



SERIAL STORY DATE WITH DANGER

Yesterday As Mary Franklin works on the French case, the Duke meets two new victims, Clem Shirley and Jack Burden.

CHAPTER XII
THE following afternoon a florist boy rang the service bell at 919 Park Avenue.

"Miss Clem Shirley live here?" he inquired, as a man opened the door.

Clem, who hadn't got to bed till four that morning, was lying on the chaise longue in her sitting room trying to read the Sunday papers. She made a brilliant picture as she stretched out on the cream taffeta cushions, in her shining gold satin negligee. The sitting room, like herself was vivid and exotic. The walls were a tawny yellow and the furniture Venetian red. A very good 15th century Italian drawing done in red chalk hung over a handsome black oak Medieval cabinet, and on either side of the hooded plaster fireplace were Italian primitives, one an Andrea del Sarto, the other, a Bellini Madonna. Jim Shirley, Clem's father, had gone in for primitives when he became president of the International Brake Company. This private apartment on the top floor of the Shirley home was his gift to his daughter on her eighteenth birthday. He had hung two of the best pictures in his collection in her living room.

This afternoon a knock on her door provoked an eager, "Who is it?" followed by, "Oh, come in," as the servant timidly entered with the florist's box.

"They must be big flowers," she exclaimed, jumping up as her eyes lit on the huge package, "or there must be many of them. Open the box, Bailey, and give me the card."

Her expression changed to one of excitement as she slit the tiny white envelope and glanced at the signature. The handwriting was large and bold, yet at the same time immature. "What about cocktails this afternoon? Duke Martin. Call me at the Dove."

She was surprised to get the flowers and see the signature but still more surprised at the excitement they produced in her. Why should she care?

"Where shall I put them, Miss Clem?" asked the footman as he lifted up a great mass of American Beauty roses.

Clem wondered whether she ought to send them back. The boys she knew didn't go in for American Beauties. Her eyes turned a little uncomfortably from the bowl of white gardenias which Jack Burden had given her to Duke's roses.

Bowling

	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Crit Stewart	85	125	183	393
Frank Hill	64	150	234	
Frank Ward	172	168	90	430
Dewey Hendris	—	81	—	81
J. S. Conway	97	—	82	179
Ralph Bailey	153	120	273	
Bill Garner	136	138	110	384
Edward Bader	—	135	141	276
Total				2250

	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Hope Basket Co.				
William Ellis	85	169	155	419
Earl Bowen	131	144	185	460
Fony Moses	146	75	136	377
Fred Johnson	120	133	108	361
Charles Crutchfield	134	135	59	328
Doyle Bruce	184	93	51	328
Total				2275

	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Soll Conservation				
Claude Price	116	124	201	441
Dave Griffin	51	67	58	176
O. A. Allred	97	72	37	206
H. H. Roberts	166	113	161	440
R. C. Ellen	81	90	124	295
Walter Turner	102	86	104	292
Total				1850

	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Standard Oil Company				
C. W. Tarpely	99	121	147	367
K. B. Spears	96	61	157	
Thomas Cannon	111	139	116	366
Jimmy Miller	—	115	183	304
Bill Johnson	73	—	65	138
Clifford Franks	136	95	111	342
Jack Pritchard	135	133	104	372
Total				2046

dusty.

I speak for no one but myself.—Duke of Windsor.

You don't think that American youth would ever put on a black shirt and take up a song deafening their ears to liberty. I hope you are right. But there are radical and discontented elements at work in society.—Willard Wilson, Nebraska University senior class leader.

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"Put them in that black crystal vase by the fireplace," she said. "And see that they have plenty of water."

Clem searched the telephone book for the Dove's number. She read the card again. How could she accept that invitation? But then why shouldn't she, if she wanted to? Jack wouldn't mind—he knew she loved him.

If she had stopped to answer her own questions she would never have reached for the telephone book. She acted quickly in order to be traitor to herself. "It's Mr. Martin there? Oh, hello! Yes, I should like to come. I was just going to thank you. They're marvelous! What? Yes, I'll be there in half an hour."

She sang as she dressed. How exciting life was! The appearance of her maid interrupted her thoughts.

"I couldn't have done so well, Mademoiselle," said Marie casting critical eyes over Clem's toilet. She looked like a precocious but beautiful child in her smartly fitted black velvet suit with her brown curls just showing beneath a crazy little black velvet turban.

"How did you get it?" Clem's elbows were resting on the table, her chin cupped in both hands as she hung on Duke's words.

"By shooting One-eared Mike.

He was a tough guy, who lived near me," Martin snapped a finger at the bartender. "Bring us two more Scotch and sodas, Jim."

"Go on," urged Clem.

"We locked horns in a game on 11th Avenue. He wanted a share of my winnings. I couldn't see it. I socked him. That called for a fight. We didn't have guns so we used fists. My gang gave Mike's rubbers out."

"What does that mean?"

"Nicked. Pierced. Killed."

"I did."

Clem took a drink. "You must be dangerous."

Martin smiled. "It's business. I'll tell you more another time. What about getting hold of Jack Burden and showing the two of you the town?"

Clem hesitated. Wasn't she glad he'd suggested asking Jack? Their tastes were the same. He always shared her pleasures. Was she ashamed to have him find her at the Dove at that hour talking with the Duke? She had done nothing wrong.

"That's a swell idea. We were going to a concert but anything you show us will be much more thrilling. Where will you take us?"

Martin smiled. His self-complacency was magnificent. The little moth had been attracted by the light. With the cunning of a dramatist withholding the surprise until the curtain, he said, "You will learn after dinner. Shall I call Burden and ask him to join us here?"

The creature, which is working for and with Bela Lugosi in a chiller-diller called "The Phantom Creeps," is known around the studio as "Eddie."

That's because the man inside it is Eddie Wolf, an amiable giant of 7 feet, 6 inches, and Hollywood's tallest actor. Wolf won't be seen by audiences, of course, because the monster is supposed to be wholly mechanical, bossed by Lugosi through remote control. The heebie-jeebie specialist wears a control panel studded with switches on his left forearm.

The grotesque head and body seem to be made of metal, but they're mostly molded rubber. Clawlike hands of steel add about 10 inches to the length of Wolf's own arms. His fingers are hooked into rings which operate the steel hands. He also has to operate his eyes, which light up when the robot is in motion. Br-r-r-r!

Top of the head is four inches above his own, and to see where he's going Wolf peers through the nostrils of the mask. Nearly eight inches are added to his height by block feet of light balsa wood. The whole costume, however, weighs 60 pounds and is fearfully hot.

Plot: Paralyzing Eptire World
In case you haven't seen a chapter of this type lately, here's an idea of the plot. Lugosi is a mad scientist who has built the robot to guard his laboratory and to keep under his control an escaped convict named Monk.

Lugosi owns a fragment of a meteor from which he extracts an element which induces a condition of suspended animation in his victims. He figures that by making enough of the stuff he can paralyze the whole world.

In the court of his evil schemes, Lugosi distributes the substance by a mechanical spider which he also controls by radio! (There's nobody inside this creature; it's used merely in trick shots.) Naturally the element would be very handy in case of war, so foreign spy rings are busy trying to steal the hunk of